

Bunker Hill Mining and Metallurgical Complex Superfund Site

Comprehensive Five-Year Review

The Basics of Five-Year Reviews

- EPA is required by law to review Superfund sites every five years after the remedial action begins and when contaminants remain on-site.
- Purpose is to evaluate the implementation and performance of CERCLA remedy to determine if the remedy is or will be protective of human health and the environment.
- Review will evaluate progress of cleanups at the site's three Operable Units:
 - OU1 - Box Populated Areas (1st review – Sept. 2000)
 - OU2 - Box Non-populated Areas (1st review – Sept. 2000)
 - OU3 - Coeur d'Alene Basin
- Review will evaluate the cleanup to ensure it protects human health and the environment.
- The review may make recommendations for improvement.
- If significant changes to the selected remedy are recommended, they would be implemented via an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) or ROD amendment.
- EPA has legal obligation for conducting the Five-Year Review.

Schedule*

July 2004	Notified stakeholders in writing and on web that EPA is starting the 5-year review. Requested input from stakeholders.
Winter/Spring 2005	Courtesy calls to mayors and county commissioners where remediation has started or is complete.
Mid-May 2005	Publicize draft report public comment period through ads in local newspapers and possibly postcard to Box and Basin mailing lists.
Early Summer 2005	Draft report available for 30-day public comment period. EPA provides presentation(s), open house(s), and community informational meeting.
September 2005	Five-Year Review Finalized.

* Basin Bulletin and web sites will be updated periodically on progress/schedule. Articles have been published in Summer and Fall 2004 Bulletins, and will be published in Winter 2004 Bulletin.

Basin Commission, TLG, CCC and Other Community Involvement

- Electronic notification of upcoming Five-Year Review to all TLG and CCC representatives - 7/14/2004
- Consultation letters mailed to States of Idaho and Washington, Spokane Tribe, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and federal agencies - 7/7/2004
- Electronic notification of upcoming Five-Year Review to all TLG and CCC representatives - 7/14/2004
- Presentation at TLG meeting – 7/22/04
- Handout provided at September CCC meeting
- Letters mailed to public stakeholders inviting information that may help EPA with the Five-Year Review - 7/7/2004
- Conference call with States, Tribes, and federal agencies - 8/3/2004
- Advertisements published in four local newspapers asking public to provide information to EPA by August 16, 2004. Each ad was placed twice.
- Open House/Public Availability Session followed by Community Informational Meeting for TLG, CCC and other interested parties (mid-way through public comment period - approximately mid-June 2005)
- Public review of draft five-year report

Other Sources of Information

- Comprehensive Five-Year Review Guidance (July 2001) posted on EPA web site:
 - <http://cfpub.epa.gov/superapps/index.cfm/fuseaction/pubs.default/pubs.cfm>.
 - Look under "F" for Five-year Review
 - <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/action/postconstruction/5yr.htm>
- Previous five-year reviews for OU1 and OU2 available on EPA Region 10's web site:
 - <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/bh> and at the EPA web site under Region 10 Five-Year Reviews

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